

Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Preservation and Archaeology Grants for 2014 Announced

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helps strengthen Indiana's historical and cultural heritage through annual federal grants it administers to local communities and not-for-profit groups that these organizations put toward preservation projects. This year, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has awarded eleven federal grants for historic preservation and archaeology in Indiana communities (see list below). The grants, totaling \$459,894, provide a match of \$429,795 in local and private funds, for a total projected investment of \$889,689.

The funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. Since 1974, the state has awarded more than \$18 million to Indiana communities through this program.

Architectural & Historical Project:

Plymouth: The City of Plymouth will receive \$10,225 to assist with preparation of architectural and engineering documents and construction documents for the rehabilitation and improved functionality of the Plymouth Fire Station. Recently, moisture infiltration has been noted in the carpet and plaster walls, and paint failure on the exterior masonry is indicating significant underlying issues. The firehouse was built in 1875 and had some renovations done in 1994. It is occupied by the Veterans Therapeutic Art Center, an organization that serves regional veterans and their families by engaging veterans in creative arts, crafts, mechanics, and other activities to reintegrate them into society.

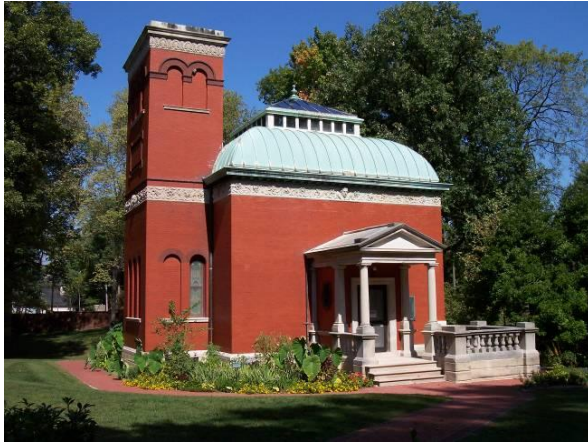
Archaeology Projects:

Jasper County: Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$49,802 grant to conduct an archaeological survey of 900 acres in Jasper County.

Newton County: Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$49,867 grant to conduct an archaeological survey of 900 acres in Newtown County.

Acquisition & Development (Rehabilitation) Projects:

Crawfordsville: The Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society received a \$30,000 grant to remove and replace the faulty and deficient electrical system and install a security system that includes sensors to detect motion, glass breakage, heat, and smoke. The General Lew Wallace Study is a National Historic Landmark property that was built in 1895 by Lew Wallace, who served in the Mexican and Civil Wars, served as a judge and the Governor of the New Mexico Territory, but who is most widely known as the author of *Ben-Hur*.



Goshen: The Elkhart County Clubhouse received a \$50,000 grant to replace the roof, gutters, downspouts, and flashing and make necessary masonry repairs to the chimneys on the 1890 Dale-Zook House in Goshen. The Neo-Jacobean style house retains many unique features, including original interior gas light fixtures, stained glass windows, etched glass pocket doors, tile and woodwork fireplace surrounds, and the original patterned slate roof. The house is used by the Elkhart County Clubhouse, which is an organization that provides support for individuals with mental illnesses.



Hancock County: The American Military Heritage Foundation received a \$50,000 grant to assist needed repairs on a vintage Lockheed PV-2 Harpoon, called “Hot Stuff.” This aircraft entered military service in 1945 is now owned by the Foundation, whose goal is to keep the PV-2 air-worthy and use it to educate people about WWII aircraft and those who flew them, and particularly to help tell the story of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the rescue of its crew (as it was an earlier version of this aircraft – a PV-1 – that first discovered the oil slick from the wreck of the USS Indianapolis and then spotted men in the water). Recent inspections indicated a fuel leak under each wing, probably due to dry rot of the original self-sealing rubber fuel bladders. The project proposes to remove the fuel tanks and evaluate if they need to be repaired or replaced. The project will also replace the two main landing gear tires and the tail wheel tire, which are also in poor condition.



Indianapolis: The Indianapolis Parks Foundation received a \$50,000 grant to assist in the stabilization and rehabilitation of the former trolley shelter located in Garfield Park. The trolley shelter was constructed in 1904 on the railway turn-around loop along Southern Avenue, and is one of the oldest structures in the Indianapolis Park and Boulevard System historic district. The 15 x 40 foot structure has four central posts with curved wooden arches that support the structure and roof, a design that emulates the shade offered by large trees. Over the years, out of necessity, additional supports were added to provide more stability to the structure, but they detract from the visual design of the shelter. The structure is severely deteriorated and needs immediate stabilization and rehabilitation.



Indianapolis: The Athenaeum Foundation received a \$50,000 grant to rehabilitate the exterior masonry of the Athenaeum building in downtown Indianapolis. The specific area to be addressed is the west elevation, which has a significant loss of mortar and areas of brick spalling and deterioration. In addition, the masonry and limestone accents would be cleaned, as there is no record of the 120 year old building ever having been cleaned. The entire area to be assisted is approximately 3,500 square feet, and includes repointing of mortar, repair or replacement of damaged masonry units, painting steel uncovered in the work, re-anchoring veneers, and cleaning the masonry surfaces.



Muncie: The City of Muncie received a \$50,000 grant to stabilize and rehabilitate the 1913 Fire Station #1 in Muncie. It was designed by architect Cuno Kibele in the early 20th century, and is a flat roofed, two-story structure with three garage bays on the first level. In the mid-1970s the building was remodeled to update the structure, but it was closed as a fire station in 2009. A later addition to the historic building houses one rescue truck. It now serves as a training facility and a “Safe Station” for citizens who need shelter and assistance.



Muncie: The Muncie Civic Theatre received a \$50,000 grant to assist with the rehabilitation of the Boyce Block building, built in 1880. This building is home to the Muncie Civic Theatre and their offices, two performance venues, and storage spaces, as well as commercial office space, retail space, and four residential apartments. The project is the second part of a multi-phase roof replacement and masonry repair strategy. The building's roof is divided into five roughly equal bays; the first bay was reroofed in 2010. This grant entails removing a gable structure on the roof and the existing rubber membrane on bays #2, #3, and #4. Additional repairs will address the roof deck insulation, parapets, and resetting all existing condensing units as necessary. New rubber membrane roof system will be installed, along with all necessary flashing and appropriate termination bars. The fly tower also requires repair, including repointing and replacement of some brick masonry units.



New Albany: The Piankeshaw Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution received a \$20,000 grant to rehabilitate and restore 19 windows in the 1814 Joel Scribner House in New Albany. It is the oldest extant building in the city and is owned by the Piankeshaw Daughters of the American Revolution, which is restoring the house as a museum to the time period of Scribner's residency. The scope of work of this project is to rehabilitate and restore 19 original windows, build and install wooden storm windows, and replicate and install 16 sets of period-appropriate shutters that are documented to have existed.

